

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on
Thursday, 20 January 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: Ray Manning

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitor: James Hockney

Opposition spokesmen: John Batchelor

Also in attendance: Jose Hales

Officers:

Gemma Barron

Partnerships Manager

Maggie Jennings

Democratic Services Officer

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr John Batchelor declared an interest as Chairman of Linton Action for Youth who had previously received grant aid for the organisation from the council.

31. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

32. CAPITAL AND REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR THE LEADER'S PORTFOLIO 2011/12

John Garnham, Principal Accountant (General Fund and Projects) was in attendance for this item.

The Leader considered a report on the Revenue Estimates for 2011-12 and the Capital Programme up to 2015-16.

Those present discussed a number of issues arising from the report and its accompanying appendices, including the following:

- It was noted that the figure in para 26 of the report should read **£4,700** and not £8,170 as stated. The original figure of £8,170 had been offset by a decrease in recharges of £3,470
- As a result of the government's withdrawal of the LPSA grant, a budget variance of £8,170 would be covered by either a virement or saving within the Policy & Performance Portfolio
- Projects listed in appendix B to the report had been funded partly from revenue and partly from capital receipts
- Confirmation was given that funding in respect of domestic violence remained
- It was noted that, of the total net revenue expenditure for the Leader's Portfolio, some 75% related to re-charging approved by the Finance & Staffing Portfolio Holder on 14 December 2010
- It was noted that village facility grants had been reflected in the New Communities Portfolio
- It was anticipated that small grants would still be made available to communities; the forms, however, would be reviewed and possibly made simpler. The Leader requested a more detailed report for consideration at his next meeting on 31 March 2011, including criteria regarding applicants. **GB to action**
- It was noted that details regarding government grants, including the New Homes

Bonus was awaited

- The Leader paid tribute to the Partnerships Manager and Principal Accountant for the way in which the process had been managed following the loss of LPSA funding

The Leader endorsed the Revenue Estimates for 2011/12 and the Capital Programme up to 2015/16, relating to services within his Portfolio and **RECOMMENDED** them to Cabinet and Council at their February 2011 meetings.

33. DRAFT SERVICE PLANS 2011/12

The Community and Customer Services draft service plan for 2011-12 had reflected the changes arising from the new agenda of the Coalition Government elected in May 2010. It was noted that the last two actions contained in the report related to the Leader's Portfolio.

The Leader **ENDORSED** the actions contained within the Community and Customer Services Draft Service Plan 2011/12.

34. CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP TASK AND FINISH GROUP - UPDATE

The report and action plan relating to partnership working to support children and young people was circulated at the meeting. As a result of the ensuing discussion, the following issues were raised:

- The majority of actions were either on target, had been completed or unable to be met due to circumstances beyond the Council's control
- Consideration was being given to piloting a transport service for youth and using school buses for paying passengers
- The Partnerships Toolkit had been published and distributed to all Members and officers that represent the council on a partnership

The Leader **NOTED** the update on actions from the Children's and Young People's Services in Partnership Task and Finish Group.

35. FORWARD PLAN

The Leader **NOTED** the contents of the Forward Plan, with the addition of a report relating to an update on Grants to the Voluntary Sector on 31 March 2011.

36. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would be held at 2pm on Thursday, 31 March 2011.

The Leader noted that this was the last meeting to be attended by Gemma Barron, Partnerships Manager before she undertook maternity leave. He expressed his thanks for the work she had undertaken on his behalf and expressed his good wishes to her for the future.

The Meeting ended at 11.10 a.m.
